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**GOVERNOR LINGLE SIGNS STATE DISASTER PROCLAMATION  
IN WAKE OF HIGH WINDS, HEAVY RAINS, AND FLOODING**

Honolulu- Governor Linda Lingle has signed a State Disaster Proclamation to help counties and communities recover from the damage caused by high winds, heavy rains, and flooding that began Tuesday, December 4, 2007. The proclamation reads: "this occurrence of a severe, sudden, and extraordinary event has caused damages, losses, and suffering of such character and magnitude to have affected the health, welfare, and living conditions of a substantial number of persons, and to have affected the economy of the State."

The disaster proclamation authorizes the State Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Robert G.F. Lee, to activate such units of the Hawaii National Guard as may be necessary to assist and aid civilian authorities in disaster relief and in averting any imminent public danger. Other programs that may be activated by the proclamation include personal and commercial loans for people whose homes and/or businesses have sustained damage as a result of the storm.

Civil Defense and other government and private agencies continue to conduct damage assessments in affected communities.

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